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SUBJECT: MAY 22 EC COUNCIL (ENERGY)

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1. SUMMARY. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES MET ON MAY 22

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TO CONSIDER ENERGY QUESTIONS. THE COUNCIL HELD AN INITIAL DISCUSSION BASED ON THE COMMISSION' S PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY (REFTEL). THEY DISCUSSED AND THEN ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY A COMMUNITY URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY (BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL).
END SUMMARY.

2. THE COUNCIL' S DISCUSSION OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY WAS QUITE EXTENSIVE AND CENTERED ON TWO ISSUES: ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNAL COMMUNITY PETROLEUM MARKET AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES. NO DECISIONS WERE REACHED IN EITHER OF THESE AREAS, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY' S COOPERATING WITH OTHER IMPORTANT ENERGY CONSUMING COUNTRIES. THE COMMISSION ARGUED THAT ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SHOULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL. THE FRENCH INSISTED THAT ORGANIZATION OF THE EC MARKET HAD TO BE ACHIEVED FIRST.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH PERM REP, THIS DIFFERENCE OF APPROACH COULD HAVE BEEN PAPERED OVER BUT IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO DO SO. THEREFORE NO AGREEMENT OR CONSENSUS DEVELOPED ON THESE ISSUES.

4. THE COMMISSION WILL PREPARE, BY THE END OF 1973, SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO " THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIES OF COOPERATION WITH THE ENERGY IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES;" AND " THE SETTING UP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY' S PETROLEUM MARKET." IT WILL ALSO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE COUNCIL ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, COAL, AND NATURAL GAS; THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY; AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

5. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE INITIAL REPORTS WE HAVE HAD ON THE COUNCIL MEETING (THE MEETING WENT ON UNTIL 5 A. M. AND MOST OF OUR SOURCES HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE) TO WHAT EXTENT SIMONET WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO COOPERATION, WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. THE AMBASSADOR HAS A MEETING WITH SIMONET ON MAY 24 AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS FOLLOWING THAT MEETING.
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